Quoted to Offset Distortion by Hostile Critics.

Mayor Mitchel and Comptroller Pren dergast have issued a reply to what they call Tammany Hall's "campaign of falsification," in which its agents have attempted to make it appear that the Rocksway and Dreamland Park dies were purchased "as the result of affiliations between members of the Fu- away Park movement. sion Board of Estimate and a 'real estate gang." They charge that since the opening of the current municipal ampaign the District Attorney of New York county "has employed the influ-ence and machinery of his office in this campaign of faisification in the interest ampaign of faisification in the interest of his own candidacy and that of his associates upon the Tammany ticket."

After showing from the official records all the successive steps taken in the Rockaway and Dreamland transactions, both of which were initiated by Tammany officials, the Mayor and Compton of the Pederal Government.

"On June 15, 1911." the statement further says. "the Board of Estimate records of the Pederal Government.

oller say: "How utterly untrue have been the statements published concerning our connection with the proceedings, how

The reply was accompanied by a statement by George McAneny, in which be said:

"I was, at the time, a member of the Board of Estimate committees recom-mending the acquisition of the sea beach parks, serving with the Mayor and the Comptroller. I have read their state-ment of the record in the matter, with which I am equally familiar, and concur in it wholly. There was no dissent from be general public approval when the beard of Estimate took the action neces-mry to secure these properties. There has been no dissent since. With the prices said, or to be paid for them, or with the methods of payment, neither she board nor any of its members had anything award which might be made in condemnation proceeding the condemnation proceeding t

whatever to do."

"We are very glad to proclaim full responsibility for all we did in the acculation of these two parks," the Mitchel-Prendergast statement reads. "We know, and the District Attorney know, they were necessary to the The coules of the company way attempt to fix a price for the Rockaway property. That was left for decision by condemnation commissioners. knows, they were necessary to the proper development of the city. Although the responsibility of Mayor Mitchel and of the Board of Estimate in recommending the purchase of these park lands, and in later voting for their condemnation. Tammany has sought to make it spear that these two officers have been was signed by Mayor Gaynor on September 1997. responsible in some way for the price paid by the city for Rocksway Park and the price which the city may be called upon to pay for Dreamland.

more to do with the price than

Court, and the award was paid.

The New York American, now trying to discredit the park acquisition. claimed blatantly and proudly in 1905 that it was the originator of Rockaway Park, and fought then for an appropriation \$250,000 larger than the final award.

ank L. Dowling, Tammany candi-date for President of the Borough of Manhattan, introduced the resolution calling for the purchase of Dreamland Park, and as a result of his resolution and the act of a Tammany Board of Adlermen the Board of Estimate voted to ac-

quire the park.

*S Mayor Mitchel's Corporation Counsel
vigorously opposed an award of
\$1,014,000 for the Dreamland property, and succeeded in having the
confirmation of the award re-

confirmation of the award re-versed by a higher court.
ot one cent has ever been paid to
W. H. Reynolds or any other
owner of the Dreamland Park
property, and Mayor Mitchel's
Corporation Counsel is still fighting before a new commission in
condemnation to procure the low-

est possible award.
"Despite all these facts of record Tam many has attempted to make it appear that both parks were purchased as the result of close affiliations between mem-bers of the Fusion board and a 'real

Began Under McClellan.

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The statement cites that the Rock-away Park acquisition project first came before the Board of Estimate on September 39, 1904, and after a hearing on November 11, 1904 (during the administration of Mayor McClellan), it was referred to the Committee on Small Parks, where the matter lay until January 1, 1906, when a hearing was ordered.

"At this hearing," the statement continues, "appeared Frank L. Dowling, now Tammany candidate for President of the Borough of Manhattan, then an Alderman of the city of New York, in

Alderman of the city of New York, in support of the acquisition of Rockaway Park."

The statement then reviews the pro-ceedings leading up to the purchase of the tract, the chairman of the special committee being Herman A. Metz, then

Comptroller.
"On September 27, 1907," the statement continues, "the resolution for the acquisition of the park land was re-ferred to the Comptroller, the Chief En-gineer and the Corporation Coursel as a special committee, to see if the property could be purchased and at what price, thereby indicating that the Tammany Board of Estimate contemplated acquir-ing tids property at private sale and not through the regular course of condem-nation.

There followed the financial panic of There followed the financial panic of the autumn of 1907, and the matter was held in abecause until 1909. Then, according to the statement:

"The report of temptraller Metz was precived on December 19, 1909. Mr.

Metz is reported to have stated to the District Attornes that he had 'etered clear' of the attempt to sell Seaside

question that title to this tract of land was in the United States Government. The matter was referred to the Corpora tion Counsel with instructions that h report upon the question of title."

Project Backed by "American." Mayor Mitchel and Mr. Prende gast said that upon the question of the pub-lic necessity of a seaside park at look-away and the desirability of this par-ticular site the New York American, which they described as "the most per-sistent slanderer of this proceeding and of the present city administration," claimed to be the originator of the Rocka plan first advocated by the American—will come up for action," and urged the Board of Estimate to act at once Another editorial advised: "We cannot too strongly insist that the present board is the right board to do this business." "On October 7, 1910, the Corporation

ceived from the Board of Aldermen a report of the committee on parks of the Tammany Board of Aldermen requesting connection with the proceedings, how connection with the proceedings, how island, and also a resolution attorney of the Country of New York has been prostituted to political ends is demonstrated by the foregoing recital of facts, all of which are of record and inspections. The committee on parks of the Tammany Board of Aidermen referred remany Board of Aidermen referred restrictly to the fact that the city had specified in the committee on the purchase of th gretfully to the fact that the city had not appropriated \$5,000,000 for the pur-chase of Rockaway Park.

"On July 27, 1911, the Rockaway Park secial committee reported to the Board of Estimate recommending the acquisi-tion of the park and the acceptance of options tendered by the Neponsit Realty Company. This report was signed by President Mitchel of the Board of Aldermen, Comptroller Prendergast, President McAneny of the Borough of Manhattan and President Gresser of Queens.

demnation was accepted by the board.
"On September 21 the Board of Esti-Comptroller Prendergast was limited to their action as members of committees of the Board of Estimate in recommending the Durchass of the Durchass of the Durchass of the Comptroller Prendergast was limited to make resolution of October 8, 1907, adopting the old Reckaway Park map, and by a new resolution of the purchase of the purcha map and by a new resolution adopted a new map establishing a park covering about one hundred acress less than that of the resolution of 1907. The new map was signed by Mayor Gaynor on September 26, 1911. On October 19, 1911. Comptroller Prendergast presented a letter from William M. Greve dated September 18, 1911, guaranteeing title in fee simple not only to upland rights but to all rights that might be also and the cliptoproperly owned by the Neponsit Realty versity Company to be disposed of to the cliptoproperly duced ? This the Comptroller had secured as an

value of the land taken at \$5,022 per acre. I think the commissioners were Justified upon the evidence in appraising OFFICIALS TO ACT

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Mayor Joined by Comptroller in Reply to Allegations Mayor Mitchel and Mr. President of Estimate that any improper tenthusiastically advocates the purchase not only of the Nepoensit property but of 700 acres adjoining.

"The resolution offered by Comptroller Metz on this date to proceed with defeated through the sequisition of Rockaway Park with the new Joine Mayor Mitchel and Mr. President on July 92 and Mr. President on July 92 and Mr. President on July 93 and Mr. President on July 94 and Mr. President on July 94 and Mr. President on July 95 a and holdings, including a strip along Surf avenue, for \$1,350,000 at a private sale, and the other for the purchase of any award that might be made in condemnation proceedings for \$1,500,000 in demnation proceedings for \$1,500,600 in the event that the award should be in excess of that sum. On October 19, 1911, there was received a new option in the sum of \$1,000,000 for any award in condemnation, eliminating the 200 foot strip

along Surf avenue. The new option also settled the question of title, which had been raised by Mayor Gaynor. "On May 2, 1912." the statement says. \$950,000 at private sale, \$50,000 less than away Park movement. They quoted from an american editorial in which it Reynolds of the Dreamland company, announced that 'the long delayed plan While the board had the matter under for a public park at Rockaway Beach—consideration this offer was withdrawn usideration this offer was withdrawn Mr. Reynolds under date of May 21. From this time forward neither the Board of Estimate nor any of its mem-bers had anything to do with the con-demnation proceeding for the acquisition of the Dreamland site.

Not One Cent Has Been Paid.

The statement then reviews the croceedings initiated by Mayor Gaynor's Corporation Counsel, Final award in the sum of \$1.014,602,32 was made April 5, 1915. The award was con-firmed by Justice Blackmar on the 31st of August, 1915. The city thereupon took of the city treasury to the owners of this land," says the statement, which concludes: "In place of receiving any special consideration at the hands of fusion members of the Board of Estihave received treatment more harsh than has been customarily accorded to

STUDENTS ABANDON THEOLOGY FOR WAR

Enrolment of Seminaries Reduced 40 to 50 Per Cent.

Theological seminaries, now opfor the year, have become alarmed at the effect the war is going to have on reducing the number of ministers. olments of students at nearly every reduced from 40 to 50 per cent. stead of the 4,500 young men who usually enter Protestant seminaries each cently by the New York Legislature, it fall there are enrolling this year not is illegal to combine for the purpose of more than 2,500

The General Seminary of New York.

MANY TO AID "HERO-LAND."

The Corporation of Estimate three years before we were elected to the board.

The Corporation proceedings, again in stituted in 1911, were conducted by Mayor William J. Gaynor, who was elected on the Tammany ticket.

The Corporation Counsel made no appeal from the award of \$1,250,000, as confirmed by the Supreme Court, and the award was paid.

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ON MILK ADVANCE

THE SUN, MONDAY, OCTOBER I, 1917.

Lewis and Swann Studying Anti-Trust Laws and Expect Hoover's Aid.

Attorney-General Merton E. Lewis and ounced last night that he had taken up e advance in the price of milk to 14 nts a quart for Grade B milk and 16 cents a quart for the better grade, ef fective to-day, and threatened proceed ings against the milk producers and milk distributers under the Donnelly law, which prohibits combinations in restraint of trade in New York.

Calling attention to the provisions of the new food law which afford a means of meeting the situation, he said that the commission provided for by that law had not yet been appointed and the net was therefore of no immediate avail. He added that if the delay in naming this commission continued it would be each week, with the last issue appearing necessary for his office to take some on November 5, the day before the electroneous milk tax on New York city.

Fusion Planklights will have eight the new milk tax on New York city.
At the same time District Attorney Swam sold he had the matter under consideration also. He declared that the violation of the law.

Both officials said that the Federal Food Administration was also investi-

gating the New York milk situation, and probably had facts upon which action could be based, Attorney-General's Statement.

In his statement Attorney-General Lewis says:
"Attorney-General Merton E. Lewis days the increase in milk prices, which ing the situation with a view to determining the most practicable method of

"Both Federal and State authorities have jurisdiction to investigate the mat-ter. It is understood that United States Food Administrator Hoover has been collecting information in regard to the costs of production and distribution of milk. His investigations may help to establish what would be a fair price to

u open to the State authorities. The Attorney-General could begin an invesattorney-tieneral could begin an investigation under the Donnelly act, charging that milk producers and distributers have formed a conspiracy in restraint of trade to its prices. Experience has shown, however, that anti-trust prosecutions are not often effective to reduce prices or even disclose what is a reasonable price.

Under the State food law, enacted reexacting excessive profits on necessaries. which officially represents the Episco-pal Church, will have an entering class of only thirty-five this year, compared fair profit and may procure an injune

ealled upon to pay for Dreamland.

"That this suggestion is false is simple not only to upland rights but to simple more only to upland rights but to all rights that might be attached to the particularly to the District Attorney.

The property owned by the Neponsit Realty to the law of study surrounding the Catholic Units of dles." District Attorney Swann said that he

HUMORISTS JOIN IN FIGHT FOR MITCHEL

"Fusion Flashlights" a New Weekly, Has Talented Staff of Writers and Illustrators.

The Gospel of Fusion will be preached have gone to the training camps, makes o the voters of New York city in prose. verse and pictures by widely known writers and artists in a new weekly magazine to be called Fusion Flashlights, which will make its initial appearance to-morrow morning. The publication will be tamed from 244 Madison avenue by the Voters Publishing Company, of which Sam A. Lewisohn is president, George B. Mallon vice-president, R. Hunter McQuistion secretary, and F. Childs treasurer. It will cost 1 cent, and 150,000 copies will be printed

At the same time District Attorney
Swann said he had the matter under
consideration also, He declared that the
action of the Dairymen's League in
practically blacklisting all distributers
who did not agree to their scales of
prices seemed to be a combination in
violation of the law.

Passon Flashlights will have eight
pages of "pep, peint and punch," contributed by such artists and writers as
James Monigomery Flagg, W. J. Englight, W. C. Morris, Cranford Young,
Pages Monigomery Flagg, W. J. Englight, W. C. Morris, Cranford Young,
Reginald Burch, Fontaine Fox, W. K.
Starritt, H. T. Webster, W. E. Hill,
Ethel Plummer, Walter de Maris, Ralph
Barton, C. B. Falls, Oliver Herford, Don Marquis, Samuel Smiley, Herman Hage-dorn, Porter Emerace Browne, Theodosia Garrison and Franklin P. Adams, as Garrison and Franklin P. Adams, as well as many others of equal importance who usually do not write or draw except at so much a word or stroke. For their contributions to Fusion Flashlights, how-ever, none of these writers and artists will get anything more substantial than appreciation and thanks.

has had under consideration for several "Mrs. Grundy Swann's At Home." The picture on the title page of the first number will be by James Montgomery Flagg, and will depict Father Knickerbocker addressing Mayor Mitchel, who is shown arising from the executive chair, in these words

"Keep your seat, Mr. Mayor. I want you on the job again!"

On another page a cartoon by Reginald Birch will show District Attorney Swan, in the guise of a tenement washerwoman hanging cut a wash. Undernenth it will be this caption:

"Mrs. Grundy Swann—at home Mon-

"Mrs. Grundy Swann-at home Mondays:"
Morris's cartoon on another page is dubbed "The Tammany Foundation." and shows that the Foundation consists of Hearst, Boss Murphy and two figures typifying gangdom and red light vice, and that they support above their heads the Tammany candidate for Mayor. John

On still another page Oliver Herford has a poem satirizing Judge Hylan's habit of permitting questions to be asked him and then delaying an answer for several hours. It is called "Come Back at Two O'Clock," and the poem tells how a marriage ceremony, the sav-ing of a drowning child and the stopping of a hanging are all delayed "until 2

An Adopted Indian Boy. The contribution of W. J. Enright is

a cartoon showing Boss Murphy leaning on a tiger background and holding in his hand a parrot which squawks: "I form—Public Ownership—Social lift;" Underneath it is the caption:

Moral metters on his front appear. But all is carnal business in the re-Samuel Smiley contributes a regial en-titled "Hylan the Tammany Lad," which is the story of a farmer boy who was captured by the Indians and adopted by the tribe. The serial is "continued in our next" at the point where Herr von Hearst and his pet dachshund "Men-dacity," rush to the rescue of "Tammany John."

But there will be plenty of serious articles in the first number of Fusion Flashlights. One of them will tell "The Truth About the Gary Schools," and another will be an indersement of Mayor Mitchel by Alton B. Parker, once Democratic candidate for President. there will be a poem by Herman Hage-dorn entitled "Sufficiency," which sets forth that if Murphy and Hearst hate Mitchel that alone is enough to prove he's all right, and A. H. F. contributes

demnation proceeding, or any contact therewith, or anything to do with the determination of price, we are convinced that the Corporation Counsel, who conducted the proceedings, discharsed his duty well and in the public interest.

Justice Benedict, despite the opposition of the Corporation Counsel, confirmed the report and rendered an opinion from which the following is an excerpt:

"The commissioners awarded \$1.230,
"The commissioners awarded \$1.230,
"The award produced an average"

on view.

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